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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ECOSOC ILLICIT PAYMENTS WORKING GROUP

REFS: (A) USUN 3995; (B) STATE 196622;

1. REQUEST THAT ACTION POSTS APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS ASAP TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. AS NOTED REFTEL (A) ONLY A RELATIVELY FEW LDC GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED AN INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORKING GROUP TO WHICH THE U.S. ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF LDCS WHOSE VIEWS MAY BE COMPATIBLE WITH OURS ON THE SUBJECT OR WHOSE INFLUENCE IN ANY EVENT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEXT MEETING IN NEW YORK TO ORGANIZE THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE YOU SHOULD NOTE THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO DEAL WITH ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP AS SET FORTH REFTEL B. YOU CAN ALSO INDICATE THAT U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER MARK B. FELDMAN AND THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN THE FIRST

SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ACTUAL DRAFTING OF REPORTS TO BE INITIATED IN THAT SESSION. EACH POST SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN TERMS MOST CONVINCING TO HOST GOVERNMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO LDCS AND THE CONTRIBUTION THAT HOST GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE.

3. SHOULD GOVERNMENTS RAISE QUESTION OF LACK OF TIME TO COMMUNICATE WITH NEW YORK, YOU MAY SUGGEST DESIRABILITY OF DOING SO IN ANY EVENT IN VIEW POSSIBILITY THAT FINAL DECISION WILL NOT BE TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 30. WE DO NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOW WHETHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR NEW YORK DELEGATIONS, AND POSTS WILL WANT TO NOTE THIS IN DISCUSSIONS.

4. FOR NEW DELHI: ALTHOUGH INDIA NOT ECOSOC MEMBER THIS YEAR, THIS IS NOT IMPEDIMENT TO MEMBERSHIP IN ECOSOC COMMITTEE. ROBINSON

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